

# MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA COMMON COUNCIL

**MAY 5, 2015**

**6:00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Common Council of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 270 West 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:** The Pledge to the Flag was recited by those present.

**PRAYER:** Councilman Bridges led those present in prayer.

**ROLL CALL:** Council members Bob Bridges, Brian Conner, Craig Smith, and student advisor, Makayla Herbert, answered roll call. Councilmen Berkemeier and Sheehan arrived after the roll was called. Also present were City Attorney, Julie Newhouse, and Kate Thurston, *Rushville Republican*.

**MINUTES:** Bridges made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2015 meeting as presented. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Pavey reported the following:

1. The 4<sup>th</sup> session of the HCI was held on the 29<sup>th</sup>.
2. The Historic Society dinner was held on the 30<sup>th</sup>.
3. This Saturday is the Mayor's 5K race.
4. On May 12 we will conduct architectural firm interviews for the City Center.
5. The Princess Theater Comedy Night will be on the 29<sup>th</sup>.
6. The Grand Prix will be on the 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>.
7. Indot approved the contract for the Cherry Street extension. We gave a notice to proceed to the engineering firm. They have sent out notices of entry to the property owners.

*Councilman Sheehan arrived.*

8. The work on the Flatrock retention pond will speed up due to R.L. Coon receiving the contract for earth work on the Dollar Tree.
9. Gary Anderson dropped off the final report from the State Health Department on the south trailer park drainage issue. Marvin Reese determined that the drainage blockages are on the trailer park property.
10. We turned in the ADA accessibility grant application for the Princess Theater.
11. Sandy Fussner and I will be meeting with Melissa Cowan next week regarding a clean-up program.
12. We are continuing conversations with Lakers.

13. We still would like surveys to be filled out for HCI. Sheehan said so far we have 477 surveys done. Our goal is to get as many as with the comprehensive plan.
14. We have closed the alley rail crossing at 4<sup>th</sup> Street and put up a guard rail.
15. We will be doing a final inspection on 16<sup>th</sup> street. Donald Coon dug up tile that ran across Mrs. Wagner's property. Some of the tile was running up hill causing an issue. The tile will be corrected.
16. We went with a different pole on the street lights for 16<sup>th</sup> Street in order to save money. We have signed the contract.
17. Cameron is getting pricing for the farmers market.
18. There is now fiber conduit from the Courthouse to the Princess Theater.
19. The back stop from the old Arlington School is being erected for use at Community Park.
20. We have decided to hold on to the results of the dog park survey until we feel like it is the homerun we are looking for.
21. The community garden will be constructed next week.
22. The first movie in the park will be June 6. The movie will be geared toward kids and is entitled "Big Hero 6".

*Councilman Berkemeier arrived.*

23. Pamela Bliss has begun working on the mural on the side of The Pharmacy.

**CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT:**       None.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

Council President Bridges said he was told that residents have moved from the 726 N Morgan property and left lots of trash and garbage. The grass is also very tall. It appears that trash is stacked up throughout the house. Jenkins will check out the property.

Bridges said he was also asked about the Jacobs property on the corner. Jenkins said it is on the BEP program to be torn down.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- **Amphitheater/Park Board** – No report.
- **Marketing** – No report.
- **APC/BZA – Building Code** – Mayor Pavey said this was a puzzling issue. The Commissioners said they would like to meet, but that has not yet taken place. Berkemeier said the APC secretary has resigned. They also have received one application for a wind farm with another application in the works.
- **City Center-RFP/Selection Involvement/Town Hall Meeting** – The selection interview process for the architectural firm will be next Tuesday from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at the Council chambers.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**Police** – Chief Tucker reported that the Mayor’s 5K race is this Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. They will continue to take registrations up until the race, which begins at approximately 8:35. Rush 2 Health will continue with activities until noon. There will be traffic restrictions in place during the race.

Tucker said he was in a featured segment on Channel 8 news regarding the use of body cameras. He said they are currently beta testing the camera. Tucker said the cost of the camera is \$800.00 and expects the DOJ to have grant money for the purchase. Councilman Smith said it would protect the police officers and the City. Tucker said some areas are finding complaints have dropped due to using the product. Smith said he thought it would be an investment well made.

**Fire** – Chief Jenkins handed out monthly and year to date reports.

He received word from Coonrod that he should have a report by early next week.

Jenkins is looking into a maintenance agreement for medical equipment.

Jenkins said after the asbestos contract is signed the BEP program should start moving quicker.

We are already sending notifications regarding high grass.

Sheehan said the grass in front of Taco Bell needs mowing. Pavey suggested sending a letter.

**Street** – Commission Miller reported that they needed 31 dumpsters this year for heavy trash. In the fall of 2013 they used 22 dumpsters, and the spring of 2014 they used 25 dumpsters and 19 in the fall of 2014.

**CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS:** None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. **Contract Legal** – Contacted Tipton again today and they are sending a copy of their contract for our review.
2. **Drainage Trailer Court South of Town** – We received the final report from the State Health Department. We agreed to make application for the DR2 grant.
3. **Ball State – “My Community-My Vision Results”- Moving Forward** – No report.
4. **Resolution-Formal Board to Oversee Records/Maintenance** – Pavey passed around a resolution to oversee records and maintenance for the levee. Pavey said the group

would probably meet 2 times a year. Berkemeier said he thought it should be a joint City County resolution. Pavey will talk to the Commissioners.

5. **Rushville Property Revitalization Plan (RPRP) Contract** – The Board of Works approved the sale of the property to Greg Coffin.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **CF1 Tax Abatement Trane** – Amy Kissel asked for approval of 4 CF1's for Trane. Councilman Smith thanked Kissel for the report and breakdown. Bridges asked if they still have summer programs. Kissel said they did, however it is smaller. Bridges made a motion to approve Trane's CF1's. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Farm Contract Amendment** – Smith said the amendment was necessary since there was not a payment schedule in the original contract. The amendment calls for payment due June 1<sup>st</sup>.
3. **Discuss Amendments to Ordinance 2015-2** – Pavey said he and Chief Jenkins met with Shelly Wakefield to discuss the fee structure. The ordinance needs to be amended to make it more transparent. It was determined that the schedule should be a 4 phase process.

**CLAIMS APPROVAL:** Berkemeier made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE:** National League of Cities has a program where they provide insurance for property owners for their utilities from the meter into the house. Pavey said this is something to think about and a decision can be made at a later time.

Berkemeier said he has been working with the Assessor and determined that the values along Highway 3 south have been under value for some time. He said quite a few assessments will increase. Notice of assessments will go out next month.

Sandy Fussner extended an invitation to everyone to stop by and fill out the HCI survey and enjoy refreshments on Thursday.

**ADJOURN:** There was no further business to come before Council; Conner made a motion to adjourn. Berkemeier seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.